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Detective makes arrest of student for Black Hills bomb threat

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A 15 yr. old male student from Black Hills High School was arrested on Thursday by a Sheriff's Office detective for a writing a bomb threat to use explosives to destroy the school. The hand written note left in a bathroom, stated that C4 explosive would be used and "the school will be reduced to rubble." The note was found on Wednesday, 12/5/07. The note stated the explosion would occur at 1000 A.M. on Thursday, 12/6/07. This threat led to a school alert being issued, multiple searches of the school, and an evacuation of students on Thursday morning. Detectives were able to identify the suspect by comparing handwriting on the note with the suspect's school papers. When confronted with this evidence the suspect admitted his involvement and indicated the motive was to get out of classes. There is no evidence the suspect intended to carry out his threat or had any explosives. This note lead to the suspect being booked into the Youth Services Center on a charge of Threatening to bomb or injure property, under R.C.W. 9.61.160, a felony. The statute states: "It shall be unlawful for any person to threaten to bomb or otherwise injure any public or private school building, knowing such information to be false and with intent to alarm the person or persons to whom the information is communicated or repeated."

The Sheriff's Office wishes to thank the staff at Black Hills High School and the Tumwater School District for their assistance and cooperation in both dealing with the threat and the investigation. Their participation was essential in resolving this very serious threat so quickly.

Chief Criminal Deputy Jim Chamberlain